

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



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## CALVET WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

**EVENT:** The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) is sponsoring a Women Veterans Conference in response to the many special needs women veterans face when reentering civilian life. This one-day conference has a goal to provide a network forum for women veterans from all wars, to educate women veterans on benefits and health care programs available to them, and to provide assistance with employment opportunities. An education faire will be ongoing during the conference.

DATE: Friday, August 8, 2008

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Registration: 7:00 a.m.)

PLACE: Lions Gate Hotel

3410 Westover

McClellan, CA 95652 (Sacramento)

WHO: Approximately 200 women veterans from earlier and current wars, dynamic speakers,

CalVet and education institution representatives

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**BACKGROUND:** California is home to approximately 164,000 women veterans. Of this number, very few are taking advantage of the benefits available to them; benefits they have earned. It is therefore of great importance that we expand our outreach efforts to this veterans population. In an effort to address this situation, the California Department of Veterans Affairs has organized this one-day CalVet Women Veterans Conference in McClellan (Sacramento).